## CHANGES TO THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) QUESTIONNAIRES (PERSON QUESTIONS)

QUESTIONNAIRE	QUESTION WORDING	EXPLANATION OF CHANGES, AND COMPARISONS TO CENSUS 1990 AND CENSUS 2000 FORMS
1996 - 1998 ACS	1. What is this person's sex?  Male Female	
1999 - 2002 ACS	1. What is this person's sex?  Male Female	The 1999 - 2002 ACS question matches the proposed 2000 census item, except that the census item includes the instruction, "Mark (X) ONE box."  The 1990 census item had a label and an instruction for filling the item.
1996 - 1998 ACS	2. What is this person's date of birth and what is this person's age?  Month Day Year of Birth  Age (in years)	
1999 - 2002 ACS	2. What is this person's date of birth and what is this person's age? Print numbers in boxes.  Month Day Year of Birth  Age (in years)	The italicized instruction was added for 1999.  The 1999 - 2002 ACS differs from the proposed 2000 census question only in the ordering of age and date of birth.  The 1990 census item had a label and an instruction for filling the item.
1996 - 1998 ACS	3. How is this person related to Person 1?  Husband or wife Other relative Son or daughter Roomer, boarder Brother or sister Housemate, roommate Father or mother Unmarried partner Grandchild Foster child In-law Other nonrelative	

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1999 - 2002 ACS	3. How is this person related to Person 1?  Husband or wife Roomer, boarder Son or daughter Housemate, roommate Brother or sister Unmarried partner Father or mother Foster child Grandchild Other nonrelative In-law Other relative	The proposed 2000 census item includes separate response categories for "Natural-born son/daughter," "Adopted son/daughter," "Stepson/stepdaughter," "Stepson/stepdaughter," "Son-in-law/daughter-in-law," and "Parent-inlaw". In addition, the "Other relative" line includes a write-in response. The sample size of the ACS did not justify the addition of these separate categories.  The response categories in the proposed 2000 census item use a slash, whereas the ACS uses the word "or" (for example: husband/wife vs. husband or wife) because of spacing constraints.  The 1990 and proposed 2000 census response categories differ. In 1990, natural born and adopted son/daughter were combined, in-laws were included in "other relatives," and "foster child" was combined with "roomer, boarder."
1996 - 1998 ACS	4. What is this person's current marital status?  Now married Widowed Divorced Separated Never Married	
1999 - 2002 ACS	4. What is this person's marital status?  Now married Widowed Divorced Separated Never Married	The word "current" was dropped to match the proposed 2000 census item.  The 1990 census item had a label and an instruction for filling the item.

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1996 - 1998 ACS	5. Is this person Spanish/Hispanic/Latino?  No, not Spanish/Hispanic/ Latino Yes, Mexican, Mexican-Am., Chicano Yes, Puerto Rican Yes, Cuban Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/ Latino – Print group>	
1999 - 2002 ACS	NOTE: Please answer BOTH Questions 5 and 6.  5. Is this person Spanish/Hispanic/Latino? Mark (X) the "No" box if not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino.  No, not Spanish/Hispanic/ Latino Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano Yes, Puerto Rican Yes, Cuban Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/ Latino — Print group>	The ACS item, including the addition of the italicized instruction, was changed to match the proposed 2000 census item.  The 1990 census item differs from the proposed 2000 census item in the following ways:  (a) in 1990, the item did not include the term "Latino" in the question nor in the response options;  (b) in 1990, no specific instruction was provided for non-Hispanics;  (c) in 1990, the first response option was "No (not Spanish/Hispanic);"  (d) in 1990, the second response option included a hyphen in "Mexican-Am.;" and (e) in 1990, the "Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic" category provided examples of six Hispanic origin groups and instructed respondents to print one group.
1996 - 1998 ACS	6. What is this person's race? Mark [X] one box for the race that the person considers himself/herself to be.  White Chinese Vietnamese Some other race} Print the Black, African Am Filipino Japanese Multiracial } race(s) Eskimo Hawaiian Samoan } or group Aleut Korean Guamanian } below Indian (Amer.) Asian Indian Other Asian/Pacific Islander Print the name of the enrolled or principal tribe>	

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1999 - 2002 ACS	<ul> <li>6. What is this person's race? Mark (X) one or more races to indicate what this person considers himself/herself to be.</li> <li> White Asian Indian Native Hawaiian Black, African Am., or Negro Chinese Guamanian or Chamorro</li> </ul>	The 1999 - 2002 ACS item matches the proposed 2000 census item.  The 1999 - 2002 ACS question on race reflects the Census Bureau's implementation of the
	Black, African Am., or Negro Chinese Guamanian or Chamorro American Indian or Alaska Filipino Samoan Other Pacific Islander - Print race below Some other race - Print race below Vietnamese Other Asian Print race>	Office and Management and Budget's revised standards for the classification of race and ethnic data by Federal agencies, issued in October 1997. Specifically, the revised standards (1) allow respondents to specify more than one race, and (2) split the category "Other Asian and Pacific Islander" into two categories—"Other Asian" and "Other Pacific Islander."  The 1990 census item had a label and instructions for filling the item. The categories agreed with the 1996-98 ACS, except the "Black, African Am." category was "Black or Negro" in the 1990 census item.
1996 - 1998 ACS	7. In what U.S. State, territory, commonwealth or foreign country was this person born?	
1999 - 2002 ACS	7. Where was this person born?  In the United States – Print name of stateOutside the United States – Print name of foreign country, or Puerto Rico, Guam, etc.	The ACS item was changed to match the proposed 2000 census item.
1996 - 1998 ACS	<ul> <li>8. Is this person a CITIZEN of the United States?</li> <li>Yes, born in the United States&gt; Skip to question 10</li> <li>Yes, born in Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or Northern Marianas</li> <li>Yes, born abroad of American parent(s)</li> <li>Yes, U.S. citizen by naturalization</li> <li>No, not a citizen of the United States</li> </ul>	

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1999 - 2002 ACS	<ul> <li>8. Is this person a CITIZEN of the United States?</li> <li>Yes, born in the United States&gt; Skip to 10a</li> <li>Yes, born in Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or Northern Marianas</li> <li>Yes, born abroad of American parent or parents</li> <li>Yes, U.S. citizen by naturalization</li> <li>No, not a citizen of the United States</li> </ul>	The ACS item was changed to match the proposed 2000 census item. The wording of the third response option was changed from " of American parent or parents."
1996 - 1998 ACS	9. When did this person come to live in the United States?(Year)	
1999 - 2002 ACS	9. When did this person come to live in the United States? Print numbers in boxes.  Year ———	The ACS item added the italicized instruction to match the proposed 2000 census item.  The 1990 census item was worded "When did this person come to the United States to stay?" Also, the 1990 item had ten response intervals while the 2000 item has space to write in the year.
1996 - 1998 ACS	<ul> <li>10. At any time IN THE PAST 3 MONTHS, was this person attending a school or college? Include nursery or preschool, kindergarten, elementary school, and schooling that leads to a high school diploma, college degree, or vocational certificate. Yes, public school or public college Yes, private school or private college Yes, vocational, technical, or business school No, has not attended in the last 3 months.</li> </ul>	

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1999 - 2002 ACS	<ul> <li>10a. At any time IN THE LAST 3 MONTHS, has this person attended regular school or college? Include only nursery or preschool, kindergarten, elementary school, and schooling which leads to a high school diploma or a college degree.</li> <li>No, has not attended in the last 3 months -&gt;SKIP to question 11  Yes, public school, public college Yes, private school, private college</li> <li>b. What grade or level was this person attending? Mark (X) ONE box.</li> <li>Nursery school, preschool Kindergarten Grade 1 to grade 4 Grade 5 to grade 8 Grade 9 to grade 12 College undergraduate years (freshman to senior) Graduate or professional school (for example: medical, dental, or law school)</li> </ul>	Except for the reference period, the ACS item was changed to match the proposed 2000 census item. Monthly interviewing on the ACS requires a moving reference period.  Neither the 1990 census nor the 1996-1998 ACS included part b. of this item. Results from the 1990 census indicated that a question on grade or level attending was necessary.
1996 - 1998 ACS	11. What is the highest degree or level of school this person has COMPLETED? Mark [X]  ONE box for the highest grade completed or degree received.  None, no schooling completed Nursery or preschool Kindergarten Grade (Write grade 1-11) 12 <sup>th</sup> grade, NO DIPLOMA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE— high school DIPLOMA or the equivalent (GED) Some college but no degree Vocational, technical, or business school degree Associate degree in college Bachelor's degree (BA, AB, BS) Master's degree (MA, MS, MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA) Professional school degree (MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD) Doctorate degree (PhD, EdD)	

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1999 - 2002 ACS	11. What is the highest degree or level of school this person has COMPLETED? Mark (X)  ONE box. If currently enrolled, mark the previous grade or highest degree received.  No schooling completed  Nursery school to 4th grade  5th grade or 6th grade  1th grade or 8th grade  10th grade  11th grade  12th grade - NO DIPLOMA  HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE - high school DIPLOMA or the equivalent (for example: GED)  Some college credit, but less than 1 year  1 or more years of college, no degree  Associate degree (for example: AA, AS)  Bachelor's degree (for example: BA, AB, BS)  Master's degree (for example: MA, MS, MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA)  Professional degree (for example: MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)  Doctorate degree (for example: PhD, EdD)	The ACS item was changed to match the proposed 2000 census item.
1996 - 1998 ACS	12. What is this person's ancestry? For example: Italian, African Am., Cape Verdean, Ecuadorian, Haitian, Irish, Jamaican, Korean, Lebanese, Mexican, Nigerian, Polish, Taiwanese, Ukrainian, or any other ancestry.	
1999 - 2002 ACS	12. What is this person's ancestry or ethnic origin?  ———————————————————————————————————	The ACS item was changed to match the proposed 2000 census item.  The 1990 question was worded the same as the Census 2000 question. The list of examples were changed to shorten the list and provide a better mix of geographic and cultural diversity.

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1996 - 1998 ACS	13a. Did this person live in this house or apartment 5 years ago?	
	Yes- SKIP to question 14a No	
	b. Where did this person live 5 years ago?	
	(1) Name of U.S. State, territory, commonwealth or foreign country	
	If outside U.S., print answer above and SKIP to question 14a.	
	(2) Name of city or town	
	(3) Name of county (4) ZIP Code	
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	c. Did this person live inside the city or town limits?	
	Yes No, lived outside city/town limits	

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1999 - 2002 ACS	13a. Did this person live in this house or apartment 1 year ago?  Person is under 1 year old> SKIP to the questions for Person 2 on page 10 Yes, this house> SKIP to F in the next column No, outside the United States - Print name of foreign country, or Puerto Rico, Guam, etc., below; then SKIP to F in next column No, different house in the United States  b. Where did this person live 1 year ago?  Name of city, town, or post office  c. Did this person live inside the limits of the city or town? Yes No, outside the city/town limits  Name of county Name of state  ZIP Code	The ACS item was changed to match the proposed 2000 census item, except for the time reference. The ACS time period of one year reflects the ongoing data collection on the ACS, and allows for annual estimates of migration.  The proposed 2000 census item differs from the 1990 census item with the addition of a separate write-in line and skip instruction for a foreign country response, and the reordering of the city, county, and state response areas.
1996 - 1998 ACS	14a. Does this person speak a language other than English at home?  Yes No, only English> SKIP to question 15  b. What is this language? For example: Korean, Italian, Spanish, Vietnamese  c. How well does this person speak English?  Very well Not well Well Not at all	

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1999 - 2002 ACS	14a. Does this person speak a language other than English at home?  Yes No, only English> Skip to question 15	The ACS item was changed to match the proposed 2000 census item. The only change was to drop the term "only English" after the "No" response in item 14a.
	b. What is this language?	Compared to the 1990 census item, the proposed 2000 census item has different examples of languages.
	For example: Korean, Italian, Spanish, Vietnamese	
	c. How well does this person speak English?	
	Very well Not well Well Not at all	
1996 - 1998 ACS	15. If this person has difficulty seeing, hearing, or walking, mark [X] the appropriate boxes. If this person has no difficulty with these activities, mark "None of the above."	
	Difficulty seeing (even with glasses)	
	Difficulty hearing (even with a hearing aid) Difficulty walking, <b>or</b>	
	None of the above	
1999 - 2002 ACS	15. Does this person have any of the following long-lasting conditions:	The ACS item was changed to match the proposed 2000 census item.
	a. Blindness, deafness, or a severe vision or hearing impairment:	proposed 2000 census nem.
	Yes No	
	b. A condition that substantially limits one or more basic physical activities such as walking, climbing stairs, reaching, lifting, or carrying?	
	Yes No	

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1996 - 1998 ACS	16. Does this person have a long-lasting physical or mental condition that –	
	a. Makes it difficult to go outside the home alone, for example, to shop or visit a doctor's office?	
	Yes No	
	b. Prevents this person from working at a job or business?	
	Yes No	
1999 - 2002 ACS	16. Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more, does this person have any difficulty in doing any of the following activities:	The ACS item was changed to match the proposed 2000 census item.
	a. Learning, remembering, or concentrating?YesNo	
	b. Dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home? Yes No	
	c. (Answer only if this person is 16 YEARS OLD OR OVER) Going outside the home alone to shop or visit a doctor's office? YesNo	
	d. (Answer only if this person is 16 YEARS OLD OR OVER) Working at a job or business? Yes No	
1996 - 1998 ACS	17. How many babies has this person ever had, not counting stillbirths?  Babies [] None	
1999 - 2002 ACS	17. Has this person given birth to any children in the past 12 months?  Yes No	The ACS item was changed to provide a more meaningful description of current and local area fertility patterns than the previous question.  This item is not part of the proposed 2000 census items because there were no required

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1999 ACS	18a. Does this person have any of his/her own grandchildren under the age of 18 living in this house or apartment?  Yes No ->SKIP to question 19  b. Is this grandparent currently responsible for most of the basic needs of any grandchild(ren) under the age of 18 who live(s) in this house or apartment?  Yes No -> SKIP to question 19  c. How long has this grandparent been responsible for the(se) grandchild(ren)? If the grandparent is financially responsible for more than one grandchild, answer the question for the grandchild for whom the grandparent has been responsible for the longest period of time.  Less than 1 month 1 to 6 months 7 to 12 months More than 12 months	The ACS added this set of questions to match the set proposed for the 2000 census, except for the response categories in part c. Results from the Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal, which were not available in time for the 1999 ACS, indicated that the response categories for part c. should be different, as follows:  • Less than 6 months • 6 to 11 months • 1 or 2 years • 3 or 4 years • 5 years or more  The proposed 2000 census item will use these response categories.
2000-2002 ACS	18a. Does this person have any of his/her own grandchildren under the age of 18 living in this house or apartment?  Yes No -> SKIP to question 19  b. Is this grandparent currently responsible for most of the basic needs of any grandchild(ren) under the age of 18 who live(s) in this house or apartment?  Yes No -> SKIP to question 19  c. How long has this grandparent been responsible for the(se) grandchild(ren)? If the grandparent is financially responsible for more than one grandchild, answer the question for the grandchild for whom the grandparent has been responsible for the longest period of time.  _ Less than 6 months _ 6 to 11 months _ 1 or 2 years _ 3 or 4 years _ 5 or more years	The ACS modified the response categories in part c to match the 2000 census response categories.

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1996 - 1998 ACS	<ul> <li>18. Has this person ever served on ACTIVE DUTY in the U.S. Armed Forces, military Reserves, or National Guard? Include activation during Operation Desert Shield/Storm and service in the Merchant Marine during World War II. Do NOT include training for the Reserves or National Guard.</li> <li>Yes, now on active duty</li> <li>Yes, on active duty in past, but not now</li> <li>No active duty service - SKIP to question 21</li> </ul>	
1999 - 2002 ACS	<ul> <li>19. Has this person ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, military Reserves, or National Guard? Active duty does not include training for the Reserves or National Guard, but DOES include activation, for example, for the Persian Gulf War.</li> <li>Yes, now on active duty</li> <li>Yes, on active duty in past, but not now</li> <li>No, training for Reserves or National Guard only - SKIP to question 22</li> <li>No, never served in the military - SKIP to question 22</li> </ul>	The ACS item was changed to match the proposed 2000 census item.  The item is essentially a simplified and updated version of the 1990 census item. The "No active duty service" answer category was expanded to distinguish persons whose only military service was for training in the Reserves or National Guard, from persons with no military experience whatsoever.
1996 - 1998 ACS	<ul> <li>19. When did this person serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces? Mark (X) a box for EACH period in which this person served.</li> <li>_ August 1990 or later (including Persian Gulf War)</li> <li>_ September 1980 to July 1990</li> <li>_ May 1975 to August 1980</li> <li>_ Vietnam era (August 1964 to April 1975)</li> <li>_ February 1955 to July 1964</li> <li>_ Korean conflict (June 1950 to January 1955)</li> <li>_ World War II (September 1940 to July 1947)</li> <li>_ Some other time</li> </ul>	

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1999 - 2000 ACS	20. When did this person serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces? Mark (X) a box for EACH period in which this person served.  April 1995 or later August 1990 to March 1995 (including Persian Gulf War) September 1980 to July 1990 May 1975 to August 1980 Vietnam era (August 1964 to April 1975) February 1955 to July 1964 Korean conflict (June 1950 to January 1955) World War II (September 1940 to July 1947) Some other time	The ACS item was changed to match the proposed 2000 census item.  The proposed 2000 census question is different from the 1990 census question ("Was activeduty military service during").  The proposed 2000 census response categories are different from those used in 1990, as follows: the 1990 category "September 1980 or later" was expanded; the 1990 category "World War I" was dropped; and the 1990 category "Any other time" was replaced with "Some other time".
2001 - 2002 ACS	<ul> <li>20. When did this person serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces? Mark (X) a box for EACH period in which this person served.</li> <li> April 1995 or later</li> <li> August 1990 to March 1995 (including Persian Gulf War)</li> <li> September 1980 to July 1990</li> <li> May 1975 to August 1980</li> <li> Vietnam era (August 1964 to April 1975)</li> <li> February 1955 to July 1964</li> <li> Korean War (June 1950 to January 1955)</li> <li> World War II (September 1940 to July 1947)</li> <li> Some other time</li> </ul>	The ACS modified the response categories by changing "Korean conflict" to "Korean War."
1996 - 1998 ACS	20. In total, how much time has this person spent on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces?  Years and Months	
1999 - 2002 ACS	21. In total, how many years of active-duty military service has this person had?  Less than 2 years 2 years or more	The ACS item was changed to match the proposed 2000 census item.  The 1990 census question was the same, but the response area required the respondent to write down the number of years.

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1996 - 1998 ACS	21. LAST WEEK, did this person do ANY work for pay or profit? YesNo	
1999 - 2002 ACS	<ul> <li>22. LAST WEEK, did this person do ANY work for either pay or profit? Mark (X) the "Yes" box even if the person worked only 1 hour, or helped without pay in a family business or farm for 15 hours or more, or was on active duty in the Armed Forces.</li> <li>Yes</li> <li>No - SKIP to question 28</li> </ul>	The ACS item was changed to match the proposed 2000 census item.  This question is the key question in the set of questions that collect employment status. The proposed 2000 census questions replace the somewhat different set from the 1990 census.
1996 - 1998 ACS	22. LAST WEEK, how many hours did this person actually work at all jobs? Subtract any time off; add overtime or extra hours worked.	This item was deleted starting with the 1999 ACS because it is not a proposed 2000 census item.
1996 - 1998 ACS	23. LAST WEEK, at what address or location did this person work? If this person worked at more than one address or location, print where he or she worked most last week.  a. Address (Number and street)  If the exact address is unknown, give a description of the location such as the building name or the nearest street or intersection. For example: Town Center Mall, 1st National Bank Building, Reno Airport, 2nd Ave. and 4th St.  b. Name of city, town, or post office  c. Is the work location inside the limits of the city or town?  Yes No d. Name of county  e. Name of state  f. ZIP Code	

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1999 - 2002 ACS	23. At what location did this person work LAST WEEK? If this person worked at more than one location, print where he or she worked most last week.	The ACS item was changed to match the proposed 2000 census item.
	a. Address (Number and street name)  If the exact address is not know, give a description of the location such as the building name or	This item is basically the same as the 1990 census item. Labels on the write-in spaces were modified to provide clarifications.
	the nearest street or intersection.	
	b. Name of city, town, or post office	
	c. Is the work location inside the limits of that city or town?  Yes No, outside the city/town limits	
	d. Name of county	
	e. Name of U.S. state or foreign country	
	f. ZIP Code	
1996 - 1998 ACS	24. LAST WEEK, how did this person usually get to work? If more than one method was used during the trip, mark (X) the box for the one used for most of the distance.	
	Car, truck, or van Bicycle Public transportation Walked (bus, trolley, subway, or railroad) Worked at home	

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1999 - 2002 ACS	24. How did this person usually get to work LAST WEEK? If this person usually used more than one method of transportation during the trip, mark (X) the box of the one used for most of the distance.  Car, truck, or van Motorcycle Bus or trolley bus Bicycle Streetcar or trolley car Walked Subway or elevated Worked at home Railroad SKIP to question 32 Ferryboat Other method Taxicab	The ACS item was changed to match the proposed 2000 census item, which is the same as the 1990 census item except for the format of the skip instructions.
1996 - 1998 ACS	25. LAST WEEK, how many people, including this person, usually rode to work in the car, truck, or van?  Person(s)	
1999 - 2002 ACS	25. How many people, including this person, usually rode to work in the car, truck, or van LAST WEEK?  Person(s)  ———	The ACS question was changed to match the proposed 2000 census question which is the same as the 1990 census question.  In order to save space, the ACS response area allows for a write-in rather than labeled response categories.  The proposed 2000 census response categories differ from 1990 as follows: The two categories  "5 people" and "6 people" were collapsed to  "5 or 6 people"; and the two categories  "7 to 9 people" and "10 or more people" were collapsed to "7 or more people."
1996 - 1998 ACS	26. LAST WEEK, what time did this person usually leave home to go to work?	
	: a.m. Hour Minute p.m.	

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1999 - 2002 ACS	26. What time did this person usually leave home to go to work LAST WEEK?  Hour Minute a.m: p.m.	The ACS item was changed to match the proposed 2000 census item which is the same as the 1990 census item, except that the ACS has "Hour" and "Minute" labels in the answer space.
1996 - 1998 ACS	27. LAST WEEK, how many minutes did it usually take this person to get from home to work?  Minutes – SKIP to question 32	
1999 - 2002 ACS	27. How many minutes did it usually take this person to get from home to work LAST WEEK?  Minutes	The ACS item was changed to match the proposed 2000 census item which is the same as the 1990 census item.
1996 - 1998 ACS	28a. LAST WEEK, was this person on layoff from a job?  Yes, on temporary layoff from most recent job Yes, permanently laid off from most recent job No  b. LAST WEEK, was this person TEMPORARILY absent from a job or business? Yes, on vacation, temporary illness, labor dispute, etc No	
1999 - 2002 ACS	28a. LAST WEEK, was this person on layoff from a job? YesNo  b. LAST WEEK, was this person TEMPORARILY absent from a job or business? Yes, on vacation, temporary illness, labor dispute, etcNo  c. Has this person been informed that he or she will be recalled to work within the next 6 months OR been given a date to return to work? YesNo	The ACS items were changed to match the proposed 2000 census items.  These three questions are part of a set of questions that collect employment status. The proposed 2000 census set of questions replaces a somewhat different set from the 1990 census.

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1996 - 1998 ACS	29. Has this person been looking for work during the last 4 weeks?  Yes No	
1999 - 2002 ACS	29. Has this person been looking for work during the last 4 weeks?  Yes No	The ACS item remains the same and matches the proposed 2000 census item and the 1990 census item.
1996 - 1998 ACS	30. LAST WEEK, could this person have gone to work?  Yes, if a job had been offered Yes, if recalled from layoff No, because of own temporary illness No, because of all other reasons (in school, etc.)	
1999 - 2002 ACS	<ul> <li>30. LAST WEEK, could this person have started a job if offered one, or returned to work if recalled?</li> <li>Yes, could have gone to work</li> <li>No, because of own temporary illness</li> <li>No, because of all other reasons (in school, etc.)</li> </ul>	The ACS item was changed to match the proposed 2000 census item.  The 1990 census item differed slightly from the proposed 2000 census item.
1996 - 1998 ACS	31. When did this person last work, even for a few days?  Within the past 12 months Between 1 to 5 years ago Over 5 years ago or never worked	
1999 - 2002 ACS	31. When did this person last work, even for a few days?  Within the past 12 months 1 to 5 years ago Over 5 years ago or never worked	The ACS item was changed by deleting the word "between" in the second response category, to clarify the time periods.  The ACS item differs from the proposed 2000 census item and the 1990 census item in that this ACS question, and the accompanying two questions on weeks worked and hours worked each week (questions 32 and 33) are used to collect data on work experience over the past 12 months, whereas the census questions are used to collect data for the previous calendar year.

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1996 - 1998 ACS	32. During the PAST 12 MONTHS, in how many WEEKS did this person work, even for a few hours? Include paid vacation, paid sick leave, and military service in the total. Weeks (Including paid vacation, paid sick leave, and military service)	
1999 - 2002 ACS	<ul><li>32. During the PAST 12 MONTHS, how many WEEKS did this person work? Count paid vacation, paid sick leave, and military service.</li><li>Weeks</li></ul>	The ACS item was changed to be consistent with the proposed 2000 census item, which is basically the same as the 1990 census item. The primary difference is the reference period, which is the past 12 months for the ACS, and the previous calendar year for the proposed 2000 census item.
1996 - 1998 ACS	33. During the PAST 12 MONTHS, in the WEEKS WORKED, how many hours did this person usually work each WEEK?  Usual hours worked per WEEK	
1999 - 2002 ACS	33. During the PAST 12 MONTHS, in the WEEKS WORKED, how many hours did this person usually work each WEEK?  Usual hours worked each WEEK	The ACS item was changed to be consistent with the proposed 2000 census item, which is basically the same as the 1990 census item. The primary difference is the reference period, which is the past 12 months for the ACS, and the previous calendar year for the proposed 2000 census item.
1996 - 1998 ACS	<ul> <li>34. Was this person –</li> <li> An employee of a PRIVATE FOR PROFIT company or business, or of an individual, for wages, salary, or commissions?</li> <li> An employee of a PRIVATE NOT-FOR-PROFIT, tax-exempt, or charitable organization?</li> <li> A local GOVERNMENT employee?</li> <li> A state GOVERNMENT employee?</li> <li> An active duty U.S. Armed Forces member?</li> <li> A federal GOVERNMENT employee (excluding active duty military)?</li> <li> SELF-EMPLOYED in own NOT INCORPORATED business, professional practice, or farm?</li> <li> SELF-EMPLOYED in own INCORPORATED business, professional practice, or farm?</li> <li> Working WITHOUT PAY in family business or farm?</li> </ul>	

QUESTIONNAIRE	QUESTION WORDING	EXPLANATION OF CHANGES, AND COMPARISONS TO CENSUS 1990 AND CENSUS 2000 FORMS
1999 - 2002 ACS	34. Was this person –  Mark (X) ONE box.	The ACS item was changed to be consistent with the proposed 2000 census item, which is basically the same as the 1990 census item.
	<ul> <li>an employee of a PRIVATE FOR PROFIT company or business, or of an individual, for wages, salary, or commissions?</li> <li>an employee of a PRIVATE NOT FOR PROFIT, tax-exempt, or charitable organization?</li> <li>a local GOVERNMENT employee (city, county, etc.)?</li> <li>a state GOVERNMENT employee?</li> <li>a Federal GOVERNMENT employee (excluding active duty military)?</li> <li>SELF-EMPLOYED in own NOT INCORPORATED business, professional practice, or farm?</li> <li>SELF-EMPLOYED in own INCORPORATED business, professional practice, or farm?</li> <li>Working WITHOUT PAY in family business or farm?</li> </ul>	The ACS continued to use "a" or "an" at the beginning of the response categories (where appropriate) to emphasize that each response category is an extension of the first three words of the question.
1996 - 1998 ACS	35. For whom did this person work?	
	Name of company, business, branch of the Armed Forces or other employer	
1999 - 2002 ACS	35. For whom did this person work?  If now on active duty in the Armed Forces, mark (X) this box [] and print the branch of the Armed Forces.	The ACS item was changed to match the proposed 2000 census item, which is basically the same as the 1990 census item.
	Name of company, business, or other employer	
1996 - 1998 ACS	36. What kind of business or industry was this?  Describe the activity at the location where employed. For example: hospital, newspaper publishing, public high school.	
1999 - 2002 ACS	36. What kind of business or industry was this?  Describe the activity at the location where employed. (For example: hospital, newspaper publishing, mail order house, auto engine manufacturing, bank)	The ACS was changed to match the proposed 2000 census item, except for a minor difference in one of the examples.
		The proposed 2000 census item is basically the same as the 1990 census item except for changes to the list of examples.

QUESTIONNAIRE	QUESTION WORDING	EXPLANATION OF CHANGES, AND COMPARISONS TO CENSUS 1990 AND CENSUS 2000 FORMS
1996 - 1998 ACS	<ul> <li>37. Is this mainly-</li> <li>Manufacturing?</li> <li>Wholesale trade?</li> <li>Retail Trade</li> <li>Other (agriculture, construction, service, government, etc)?</li> </ul>	
1999 - 2002 ACS	<ul> <li>37. Is this mainly – Mark (X) one box.</li> <li> manufacturing?</li> <li> wholesale trade?</li> <li> retail trade?</li> <li> other (agriculture, construction, service, government, etc.)?</li> </ul>	The ACS item was changed to be consistent with the proposed 2000 census item, which is basically the same as the 1990 census item.  The first letter of the first word of each ACS response category was changed to lower case to emphasize that each response category is an extension of the first three words of the question.
1996 - 1998 ACS	38. What kind of work was this person doing? For example: registered nurse, personnel manager, high school teacher	
1999 - 2002 ACS	38. What kind of work was this person doing? (For example: registered nurse, personnel manager, supervisor of order department, secretary, accountant)	The ACS item was changed to match the proposed 2000 census item, which is basically the same as the 1990 census item except for the examples.
1996 - 1998 ACS	<b>39.</b> What were this person's most important activities or duties? For example: patient care, directing hiring policies, teaching 9 <sup>th</sup> grade biology	
1999 - 2002 ACS	39. What were this person's most important activities or duties? (For example: patient care, directing hiring policies, supervising order clerks, typing and filing, reconciling financial records)	The ACS item was changed to match the proposed 2000 census item, which is basically the same as the 1990 census item except for the examples.

QUESTIONNAIRE	QUESTION WORDING	EXPLANATION OF CHANGES, AND COMPARISONS TO CENSUS 1990 AND CENSUS 2000 FORMS
1996 - 1998 ACS	40. INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS.  Indicate the types of income this person received during the PAST 12 MONTHS and enter the amounts received. If you do not know the exact amount, please give an estimate. For income received jointly, report if possible, the appropriate share for each person. Otherwise report the whole amount for only one person and mark the "No" box for the other person. If net income was a loss, mark the "LOSS" box to the right of the dollar amount.  In the PAST 12 MONTHS, did this person receive-  a. wages or salary? Report commissions, bonuses, or tips from all jobs BEFORE DEDUCTIONS FOR TAXES, BONDS, DUES, OR OTHER ITEMS. Yes> \$00No (Past 12 months - Dollars)  b. self-employment income from own business (farm or non-farm) including proprietorship and partnership? Report NET income after business expenses. Yes> \$00 LossNo (Past 12 months - Dollars)  c. interest, dividends, net rental income, royalty income, or income from estates and trusts? Report even small amounts credited to an account. Yes> \$00 LossNo (Past 12 months - Dollars)  d. Social Security or Railroad Retirement? Yes> \$00 LossNo (Past 12 months - Dollars)	NOTE: The 1998 ACS questionnaire deleted references to AFDC because of welfare law reforms.

QUESTIONNAIRE	QUESTION WORDING	EXPLANATION OF CHANGES, AND COMPARISONS TO CENSUS 1990 AND CENSUS 2000 FORMS
1996 - 1998 ACS	<b>40.</b> (Continued)	
	e. retirement, survivor, or disability pensions? Do not include Social Security.	
	Yes>	
	f. Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), or other public assistance or public welfare payments?	
	Yes>	
	g. Other sources of income received regularly such as Veterans' (VA) payments, unemployment compensation, child support or alimony, etc? Do NOT include lump sum payments such as money from an inheritance or the sale of a home.	
	Yes> <u>\$00</u> No (Past 12 months - Dollars)	

QUESTIONNAIRE	QUESTION WORDING	EXPLANATION OF CHANGES, AND COMPARISONS TO CENSUS 1990 AND CENSUS 2000 FORMS
1999 - 2002 ACS	40. INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS.  Mark (X) the "Yes" box for each type of income this person received, and give your best estimate of the TOTAL AMOUNT during the PAST 12 MONTHS. (Note: The "past 12 months" is the period from today's date one year ago up through today.)  Mark (X) the "No" box to show types of income NOT received.  If net income was a loss, mark the "Loss" box to the right of the dollar amount.  For income received jointly, report the appropriate share for each person – or, if that's not possible, report the whole amount for only one person and mark the "No" box for the other person.  a. Wages, salary, commissions, bonuses, or tips from all jobs. Report amount before deductions for taxes, bonds, dues, or other items.  — Yes> \$00	The ACS questions were changed to be consistent with the questions proposed for the 2000 census. The instructions are slightly different to reflect differences in the reference periods. The ACS asks about the past 12 months, and the questions proposed for the 2000 census ask about the previous calendar year.  The questions proposed for the 2000 census differ from the 1990 census questions concerning self-employment and public assistance items. In 1990, the self-employment income item was asked in two parts (non-farm and farm self-employment). Questions about SSI and public assistance were asked as one in the 1990 census. The public assistance item dropped references to AFDC because of welfare law reforms.

QUESTIONNAIRE	QUESTION WORDING	EXPLANATION OF CHANGES, AND COMPARISONS TO CENSUS 1990 AND CENSUS 2000 FORMS
1999 - 2002 ACS	40. (Continued)	
	e. Supplemental Security Income (SSI).	
	Yes> \$00 TOTAL AMOUNT for No	
	f. Any public assistance or welfare payments from the state or local welfare office.	
	Yes> <u>\$00</u> TOTAL AMOUNT for	
	No past 12 MONTHS	
	g. Retirement, survivor, or disability pensions. Do NOT include Social Security.	
	Yes> <u>\$ .00</u> TOTAL AMOUNT for	
	No past 12 MONTHS	
	h. Any other sources of income received regularly such as Veterans' (VA) payments, unemployment compensation, child support or alimony. Do NOT include lump sum payments such as money from an inheritance or the sale of a home.	
	Yes> \$00 TOTAL AMOUNT for No	
1996 - 1998 ACS	<b>41.</b> What was this person's total income during the PAST 12 MONTHS? Add entries 40a-g; subtract any losses.	
	\$ .00 _ None (Past 12 months - Dollars) _ Loss	
1999 - 2002 ACS	<b>41.</b> What was this person's total income during the PAST 12 MONTHS? Add entries in questions 40a to 40h; subtract any losses. If net income was a loss, enter the amount and mark (X) the "Loss" box next to the dollar amount	The ACS item was changed to be consistent with the proposed 2000 census item which is basically the same as the 1990 census item.  The ACS has a different reference period,
	None OR \$ Loss TOTAL AMOUNT for past 12 MONTHS	asking about the past 12 months while the census items ask about the previous calendar year.